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Applicant : DIRK SELDESLACHTS Docket No.: 98-227
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For : DEVICE FOR REMOVING UNWANTED
VOLATILE COMPOUNDS FROM BEER
WORT

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, the following patent documents are brought to the Examiner's attention.

PCT Patent Publication WO 95/26395

German Patent No. 3126714

European Patent Publication No. 227 420

The foregoing patent documents were cited in the Search Report issued in connection with the PCT application on which the instant application is based.

PCT Application No. 95/26395 relates to a process for the continuous boiling of wort, comprising feeding the unboiled wort to a wort heater, wherein it is heated to a temperature between 75 and 125°C, introducing the heated wort in the plug flow reactor, preferably a rotating disc holding column, followed by treating the wort obtained from

the reactor in countercurrent with steam in a stripping column.

With regard to German Patent No. 3126714, Applicant's currently have no English language version of this patent document. It is noted from the Search Report however that this patent corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,550,029 issued October 29, 1985. In the Search Report, the entire document was deemed to be pertinent to the subject matter of the instant application.

European Patent No. 227 420 refers to a liquid vapor contact apparatus for use in distilling air on board a ship. The apparatus has pairs of vertical outer walls disposed in the manner of the vertical faces of a cuboid. The apparatus includes a plurality of spaced, parallel, vertical plates. Between each pair of adjacent vertical plates, there is a plurality of spaced, generally horizontal, liquid-vapor contact members each including a horizontal tray member and having edges in fluid-tight engagement with the respective vertical plates. There are a plurality of downcorners for conducting liquid from a first tray member to a second tray member, there being separate flow paths for liquid between each pair of adjacent vertical plates. The two outermost plates form the walls for the apparatus. Each of the walls comprises alternate edge portions and spacer bars or members. The apparatus may be manufactured by vacuum brazing in the manner of a matrix heat exchanger.

Copies of the above-mentioned patent documents and a listing on Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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